

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 6, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 32, 2/27/2007; SB 45, 2/27/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:29 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 32, Ombudsman access to long-term care facilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:15 Mary Ann Hayes, Regional Ombudsman for Areas IV and V  
**EXHIBIT** (buh47a01)

00:06:25 Alana Kietzman, Regional Ombudsman

00:07:04 Dawn Stokes, Local Ombudsman, Great Falls, Montana

00:07:35 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

00:09:42 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

00:10:29 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

00:10:50 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:11:09 Don Judge, Montana Nurses' Association

00:11:28 Anita Roessmann for Cathy McGowan

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:25 Kelly Moorse, State Long-term Care Ombudsman,  
Department of Public Health & Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:03 Sen. Schmidt

**HEARING ON SB 45**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:47 Sen. Dan Weinberg (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 45, Revise laws governing inpatient behavioral health facilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:24 Joyce DeCunzo, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:25:43 Tracy Velazquez, Montana Mental Health Association

00:27:41 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:29:05 Curt Chisholm, National Alliance on Mental Illness

00:31:56 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:43 Roy Kemp, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:06 Rep. Heinert

00:37:34 Sen. Weinberg

00:42:08 Rep. Boggio

00:42:23 Sen. Weinberg

00:48:47 Rep. Milburn

00:48:56 Ms. DeCunzo

00:51:52 Mr. Chisholm

00:53:20 Rep. Dutton

00:57:33 Ms. DeCunzo

00:58:31 Rep. Reinhart

00:58:43 Ms. DeCunzo

01:00:43 Rep. Reinhart

01:00:50 Mr. Kemp

01:03:04 Rep. Arntzen

01:03:33 Mr. Kemp

01:04:23 Rep. Arntzen

01:05:09 Mr. Kemp

01:06:58 Rep. Mendenhall

01:07:51 Ms. DeCunzo

01:11:32 Rep. Mendenhall

01:11:45 Jani McCall

01:15:17 Rep. Reinhart

01:15:42 Ms. McCall

01:17:06 Rep. Dutton

01:20:03 Ms. McCall

01:21:11 Rep. Mendenhall

01:21:51 Ms. DeCunzo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:25:14 Sen. Weinberg

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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